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SUBJECT: BAGHDAD SITREP

1. AS OF NOON OCT 10 LIFE IN BAGHADAD NORMAL. 10 MINUTE BLACKOUT
OCT 9 GREETED CALMLY. INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR CONTINUES.

2. MEDIA OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FIGHTING. USA CASTIGATED FOR BEING
BLIND SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL. KURDISH PARTY HAS PLEDGED FULL
SUPPORT OF ARABS.

3. IN ADDITION CALL UP OF RESERVES AND GENERAL STATEMENT
PLACING IRAQI FORCES AT DISPOSAL ARAB CAUSE, THERE HAS BEEN
MUCH MOVEMENT MILITARY EQUIPMENT THRU BAGHDAD. SEVERAL SOURCES
SAY 1 ARMOR DIVISION, 1 INFANTRY DIVISION, 2 MIG 21
SQUADRONS AND 1 SU-7 SQUADRON ARE HEADING FOR SYRIA. UK MILATT
ESTIMATES TROOPS COULD NOT REACH FRONT IN LESS THAN 1 WEEK.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE RHETORIC, REGIME APPEARS TO BE SUPPORTING
SYRIA AND EGYPT TO MINIMAL EXTENT REQUIRED TO SATISFY ARMY
AND PARTY ELEMENTS WITHOUT DOING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO ITS OWN
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